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Bowling Green, Ohio
April 9, 1982

In keeping with the official notice, the Board of Trustees met in the McFall Center Assembly Room with the following members present: Frazier Reams, Jr., Chairman; Robert Ludwig, Vice Chairman; Albert Dyckes; J. Warren Hall; M. Shad Hanna; Melvin Murray; and Ann Russell. Charles Shanklin and William F. Spengler, Jr., could not attend due to schedule conflicts.

Also in attendance were Richard Edwards, Executive Vice President and Secretary to the Board; Richard Ward, Faculty Representative to the Board; Bruce Johnson, Undergraduate Student Representative to the Board; Karen Aldred, newly elected President of the Graduate Student Senate and Representative to the Board for 1982-83; Jonathan Rice, Graduate Student Representative to the Board for 1981-82; Myron Chenault, Associate Vice President for Legal, Staff and Contract Relations; Richard Eakin, Executive Vice Provost for Planning and Budgeting; John Eriksen, Acting Provost; Paul Nusser, Assistant Vice President for Operations and Treasurer; George Postich, Vice President for Operations; Donald Ragusa, Dean of Students; Ron Lange, Resident State Examiner for the Auditor, State of Ohio; media representatives; and a number of observers.

Chairman Reams called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.; the Secretary called the roll and announced a quorum present.

MINUTES

No. 47-82 Mr. Dyckes moved and Mrs. Russell seconded that the minutes of the meeting of March 12, 1982, be approved as written. The motion carried.

CONFIRMATION OF SELECTION OF PRESIDENT,
BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY

No. 48-82 Mr. Ludwig moved and Mrs. Russell seconded that approval be given to the appointment of Dr. Paul J. Olscamp as the Eighth President of Bowling Green State University, effective July 1, 1982.

The Secretary called the roll with the following results: Voting "yes"--Mr. Dyckes, Mr. Hall, Mr. Hanna, Mr. Ludwig, Mr. Murray, Mr. Reams, Mrs. Russell. Chairman Reams also announced that he had received a favorable vote on the proposed action from Trustee William J. Spengler, Jr. (by letter, which will be placed in the official files) and from Trustee Charles E. Shanklin (by telephone). The motion was approved unanimously.

Chairman Reams 1) introduced Dr. and Mrs. Olscamp, who were seated in the audience; 2) announced completion of the work of the Presidential Search and Screening Committee and official discharge of the members; 3) commended the Search Committee members for a fine job; and 4) extended special thanks for the work of the Committee Secretary, Patricia Gangwer; the Assistant Secretary, June Shrider; and Richard Edwards, Executive Vice President and Secretary to the Board.

REPORTS - CONSTITUENT REPRESENTATIVES

Faculty Representative - Richard Ward

Dr. Ward said that Dr. Olscamp's outstanding credentials have been confirmed by the events of the past few days during which time he has met with students, staff, faculty and administration and expressed a "deep concern for this university." He congratulated Dr. and Mrs. Olscamp and extended a warm welcome to Bowling Green.

Dr. Ward reported that a general faculty meeting was held on Tuesday, April 6, at which approximately one-half of the faculty were in attendance and read the following two resolutions which were passed:

RESOLUTION #1

We, the faculty of Bowling Green State University, heartily commend Interim President, Dr. Michael Ferrari, for his effective leadership of the University both as Provost and as Interim President. We especially commend his forthright and decisive leadership style, his willingness to seek and to consider the opinions of all segments of the University community in the process of making decisions, his thorough knowledge of the University, his understanding of the Ohio Legislature, and his clear appreciation of the human values and academic priorities appropriate to an institution of higher education.

Furthermore, we congratulate Dr. Paul Olscamp on his appointment as the next president. His record suggests that he will be a strong president with an appreciation of the need to nurture quality, with experience in dealing with fiscal problems and with a desire to work closely with the faculty. These are characteristics which can make him an able academic leader and which are most likely to ensure his success. We look forward to working with him through BGSU's traditional governance system of consultation and participation during the uncertain decade ahead.

(Presented by Dr. David C. Roller, Professor,
Department of History)

RESOLUTION #2

During the past twenty-one years, participation in a shared system of governance has been central to the health and well being of this University. Attitudes or actions which weaken or violate this tradition of shared governance threaten the very fabric of this institution. Yet, during the past several years, there has been a dramatic erosion of mutual trust and respect between members of the Board and University faculty.

Whatever may have been the cause of this erosion, the Board has shown a growing disposition to act unilaterally and in isolation. It often has failed even to respond--whether positively or negatively--to faculty sponsored recommendations, and it apparently acts with indifference to the counsel of the University's appointed administrative officers. When the Board ignores customary governance procedures, there cannot also exist a basis for collaboration and cooperation and the Board cannot then claim to be meeting the responsibility given them as a trust by the citizens of Ohio.

The Board of Trustees, therefore, must act to reestablish a spirit of openness, must give our new president every opportunity to establish his leadership and must recognize that we--whose lives and

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careers are tied to this University--must share responsibility for determining the University's future. Bowling Green State University can flourish only if and when a truly participatory form of governance is restored.

(Presented by Dr. David C. Roller, Professor,
Department of History)

Chairman Reams acknowledged Dr. Ward's report and asked Mr. Hall to comment on the second resolution. Mr. Hall said that he believed the third paragraph of the resolution included his view on "how the University should operate" and wholeheartedly endorsed the governance principles outlined.

Chairman Reams indicated strong feelings about the faculty's right and opportunity to express themselves and believed the faculty meeting gave them a chance to speak.

Mr. Ludwig thanked those who took the time to write to him and said that the concerns expressed echoed his concerns.

Graduate Student Representative - Jonathan Rice

Mr. Rice welcomed Dr. and Mrs. Olscamp on behalf of the graduate students and introduced the new president of the Graduate Student Senate for next year--Karen Aldred, a master's candidate in the Department of College Student Personnel.

Undergraduate Student Representative - Bruce Johnson

Mr. Johnson welcomed the Olscamps on behalf of the undergraduate student organization and indicated his confidence in the next leader of the University. He read the following three resolutions passed by the Undergraduate Student Government (USG):

RESOLUTION #1

Dr. Michael Ferrari has devoted several years of outstanding service to Bowling Green State University as Provost and as the Interim President. His contributions to the community as a whole have been both commendable and noteworthy. He has committed himself to facilitating better relations between students and the university administration by discussing and seriously considering student concerns. He has shown a sincere, genuine desire to promote the quality and national stature of Bowling Green State University.

Therefore, we the undergraduate students commend Dr. Ferrari for his distinctive dedication and contributions to the student body and the University as a whole.

/s/ Bruce E. Johnson, President
Undergraduate Student Government

/s/ George R. Aber, Chief Officer
Student Legislature

RESOLUTION #2

We the Undergraduate Student Government would like to congratulate Dr. Paul Olscamp on his appointment as President of Bowling Green State University.

We commend him on a history of fostering good working relations with university students and look forward to working with him in the future to improve the quality of life and education at Bowling Green State University.

/s/ Bruce E. Johnson, President
Undergraduate Student Government

/s/ George R. Aber, Chief Officer
Student Legislature

RESOLUTION #3

Whereas, last summer the University Board of Trustees implemented a Semester Calendar despite the fact that the Faculty Senate and Academic Council had clearly rejected such a calendar change;

Whereas, the Presidential Selection and Search process was undertaken with complete privacy and the final decision made with very little meaningful input from the University community;

Whereas, there has been very little effort on behalf of the Trustees to seriously confront and discuss the issues highlighted in the Student Body Constitution and statement of student rights;

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Undergraduate Student Government, on behalf of the student body, expresses its dissatisfaction and deep concern over the apparent breakdown of communication between the student body and the Board of Trustees;

Furthermore, we strongly urge the Trustees to cooperate with Dr. Olscamp to create an environment conducive to open and meaningful communication between the Trustees and the University community.

/s/ Bruce E. Johnson, President
Undergraduate Student Government

/s/ George R. Aber, Chief Officer
Student Legislature

Chairman Reams thanked Mr. Johnson, stating that he endorsed the first two resolutions and acknowledged the statement in the third resolution relating to the breakdown of communications between the Board of Trustees and the undergraduate student body. The Chairman called on Dr. Olscamp, who thanked everyone he had met on the campus for the warm and courteous welcome and stated that he would be meeting later with individual groups of the central administration.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Reams announced the date of the next meeting as Friday, May 14, 1982.

ADJOURNMENT

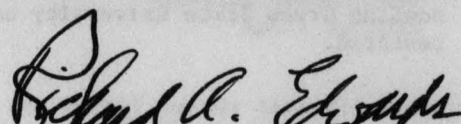
Mr. Dyckes moved and Mr. Hanna seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

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April 9, 1982, meeting (continued)

President


SecretaryBowling Green, Ohio
May 21, 1982

In keeping with the official notice, the Board of Trustees met in the McFall Center Assembly Room with the following members present: Frazier Reams, Jr., Chairman; Robert Ludwig, Vice Chairman; M. Shad Hanna; Ann Russell; Charles Shanklin; and William F. Spengler, Jr. Albert Dyckes, J. Warren Hall, and Melvin Murray could not attend due to schedule conflicts.

Also in attendance were Michael Ferrari, Interim President; Richard Edwards, Executive Vice President and Secretary to the Board; Richard Ward, Faculty Representative to the Board; Ronald Stoner, 1982-83 Faculty Senate Chair and Faculty Representative to the Board; Bruce Johnson, Undergraduate Student Representative to the Board; Everett Gallagher, 1982-83 President, Undergraduate Student Government and Student Representative to the Board; Karen Aldred, Graduate Student Representative to the Board; Myron Chenault, Associate Vice President for Legal, Staff and Contract Relations; Richard Eakin, Executive Vice Provost for Planning and Budgeting; John Eriksen, Acting Provost; Paul Nusser, Assistant Vice President for Operations and Treasurer; George Postich, Vice President for Operations; Donald Ragusa, Dean of Students; Ron Lange, Resident State Examiner for the Auditor, State of Ohio; media representatives; and a number of observers.

Chairman Reams called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.; the Secretary called the roll and announced a quorum present.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF TRUSTEE APPOINTMENT

Chairman Reams stated that notification has been received from the Office of the Governor, James A. Rhodes, of the reappointment of Ann L. Russell to a full nine-year term beginning May 17, 1982, and ending at the close of business on May 16, 1991. Mr. Reams extended the congratulations of the Board and said the members are "delighted to learn of Mrs. Russell's continuing participation" in the functions of the Board.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairman Reams announced that the first order of business--in accordance with the Board of Trustees Bylaws--would be the election of officers for 1982-83 and called for nominations for the office of Board President.

Mr. Shanklin nominated Mr. Reams, seconded by Mr. Hanna, for the office of President for 1982-83; Mr. Ludwig moved that nominations be closed and that the Secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot; the motion was passed.

Mr. Hanna nominated Mr. Ludwig, seconded by Mr. Shanklin, for the office of Vice President for 1982-83; Mrs. Russell moved that nominations be closed and that the Secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot; the motion was passed.

Mr. Shanklin nominated Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Hanna, for the office of Secretary to the Board for 1982-83; Mr. Hanna moved that nominations be closed and that the Secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot; the motion was passed.

The 1982-83 officers of the Board are: Frazier Reams, Jr., President; Robert C. Ludwig, Vice President; Richard A. Edwards, Secretary to the Board.

MINUTES

No. 49-82 Mrs. Russell moved and Mr. Shanklin seconded that the minutes of the meeting of April 9, 1982, be approved as written. The motion was passed.

FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Mr. Ludwig reported that members met on Thursday evening and considered the following items: 1) a group of improvement projects to be funded, totaling \$108,400, which the Committee voted to recommend to the Finance Committee for review and submission to the full Board for action; 2) the Proposed Capital Improvements Request 1983-1988, to be submitted to the Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents; 3) reports of Auxiliary Improvement Projects Funded since March 13, 1982, in accordance with previous Board authorization, and the Status of Capital Improvements; 4) HB-520, which has been signed by the Governor and which authorizes the University to proceed with the sale of land in the City of Bowling Green (residential lots 4293 and 4294); and 5) ground-breaking ceremonies for the Physical Sciences Building, scheduled for Tuesday, June 1.

Proposed Capital Improvements Request 1983-1988

Mr. Ludwig stated that the capital improvements request, consisting of 27 capital projects totaling in excess of \$43 million, includes a priority listing for fiscal years 1983 through 1988. He said the Committee concluded a three-month review of the proposed projects and now recommends the request to the full Board for endorsement.

No. 50-82 Mr. Ludwig moved and Mrs. Russell seconded that approval be given to the Proposed 1983-1988 Bowling Green State University Capital Improvements Request for forwarding to the Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents as requested by him.

The motion was approved with no negative votes.